

United States Government
2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
SOUTHERN ASIA NS

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Develop Competition Policy Enforcement	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing technical assistance to develop a more coherent regional competition policy that will reinforce Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries integration, improve commercial law systems that contribute to greater international trade and investment in ASEAN region, and improve legal and regulatory practices consistent with international norms and broader U.S. interests. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills with ASEAN member countries. The program enhances these authorities’ ability to take action against anti-competitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	713,546
Labor Rights in the Global Economy - Southern Asia	This activity promotes workers rights and labor standards in the Southern Asia region. Funded and implemented by USAID/DCHA.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	56,400
South Asia Free Trade Area Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops	The objective of the proposed South Asia Free Trade Area (SAFTA) Stakeholder Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops is to support trade liberalization within South Asia so as to accelerate regional economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction and to promote political and economic cooperation. There will be three phases involving consultations in the region, preparations of international and country-specific papers, and an orientation workshop and a final regional conference involving participants from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), public and private sector, USG agencies, and/or other donors. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	480,000
South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) - Energy	The objective of the South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI)-Energy is to promote mutually beneficial energy linkages among the nations of South Asia to provide increased regional energy security, cross-border energy trading and regional economic stability. A principal focus of the program is to analyze, advocate, and spread understanding of the benefits of regional energy trade and to build capacity in relevant public and private energy organizations that will create trade opportunities and result in ‘win-win’ solutions. Specific studies have included technical pre-feasibility and socio-economic benefits of a regional trade project linking India and Sri Lanka and the socio-economic benefits of regional transmission links to support power trading. Additional initiatives included support for regulatory reform and restructuring support including promoting unbundling and commercialization of publicly-owned energy sector companies. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	150,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	50,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	50,000
		Activity Total	250,000
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Southern Asia NS			1,499,946